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From the ELC and Primary School Principal

Welcome back to the commencement of Term 2, 2022. I trust that you and your family enjoyed the break from school routines over the Easter holidays and that you are now settling back into the rhythm of school life.

Term 1 was a particularly long term that incorporated a number of challenges. I know that I enjoyed the rest and the chance to refresh afforded by the break.

Term 2 is a shorter term, with only nine weeks, and I am looking forward to navigating our way through the coming weeks with our community.

At the ELC and Primary School Campus we continue to enjoy positive progress with our exciting building project. I am pleased to report that things are tracking well and we are hoping to have access to part of our newly developed ELC area in Semester 2. Other areas of the redevelopment are also tracking well. I thank you for your patience with the inconveniences associated with the building. The end result will certainly be worth the short-term interruptions we experience.

As a College we also continue to re-engage with our strategic intentions relating to teaching and learning and wellbeing. One of our current key focuses is the continuing development of teacher capacity that will have a corresponding positive impact on student learning and outcomes.

I look forward to working with you again this term, as together we seek to realise our vision of 'Inspiring and equipping hearts, hands and minds for a world of possibilities'.

Michael Paech

Principal - ELC and Primary School

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Q&A with Duncan Clark, Year 4 Teacher

1. Where were you before this and what persuaded you to join Concordia College?

My previous school was Pacific Hills Christian School in Dural – Sydney.

I have relocated to the Adelaide Hills from Sydney. I decided to join Concordia as I felt that the

mission statement and the school's approach to learning was a good fit with my teaching philosophy and goals. Additionally, the answers to my questions during the interview process confirm my initial beliefs about the College and its learning environment.

2. Three words to describe you.

Pastoral, dreamer, explorer.

3. What is your motivation or inspiration in your role?

My motivation is a desire to develop lifelong critical thinking and problem solving skills for students. My hope is that I can cultivate these skills in an environment that teaches Christ's love, care and tolerance.

My inspiration is the many wonderful teachers I had through my schooling who engaged and encouraged me to fulfill my God given purpose and develop my strengths.

4. If you had a superpower, what would it be?

A superpower I would love, is the ability to clean or fix anything instantly.

5. Who would you invite to a dinner party of six guests and why? Alternatively, tell us something you might like to share that we could not possibly know?

- **Christ** – He is controversial and challenges the way people think. That always makes things interesting.
- **My grandmother** – I would really like to see her again. She also had a dynamic outlook on life that would make for interesting conversation.
- **Richard Branson** – I love the way he thinks and his enthusiasm for overcoming barriers.
- **Margaret Thatcher** – I think she lived through an interesting time in history and would have some really engaging stories.
- **Dietrich Bonhoeffer** – He had an inspirational theology and was faced with a challenging choice that I would like to hear about.
- **Dolly Parton** – I respect the charities that she has started and enjoy several of her songs. We would need some entertainment.
- **David Hyde Pierce** – I enjoy his comedy and sense of humour. It would be good to have a laugh at the party.

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Q&A with Renee Champion, Student Services Officer

1. Where were you before this and what persuaded you to join Concordia College?

Before Concordia I was training and assessing international students in Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery as well as training first aid for St John Ambulance.

I loved the idea of working in a school with students and staff where I could put my first aid

skills into practice and maybe my cooking skills as well.

2. Three words to describe you.

Friendly, kind, helpful.

3. What is your motivation or inspiration in your role?

As the Student Services Officer I am motivated to help the students with their needs and look after their wellbeing. Engaging with a diverse range of people everyday makes my role very interesting.

4. If you had a superpower, what would it be?

If I had a superpower it would be to be invisible.

5. Who would you invite to a dinner party of six guests and why? Alternatively, tell us something you might like to share that we could not possibly know?

In January 2022 I completed my Diploma of Sustainable living with the University of Tasmania.

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Mother's Day Breakfast and Market Stall

"A Mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take" ~ Cardinal Mermillod

Mother's Day Breakfast

Week 1 of Term 2 began on an exciting note with 170 students, mothers, grandmothers and special friends gathering at Damien on Fisher for a delicious coffee and breakfast to celebrate Mother's Day.

Our guests speaker, Coralie Cheney, a past parent and Old Concordian, shared her journey and challenges as she juggled motherhood and her successful career in radio and television, philanthropy, and senior management roles in functions and events. She also touched on her more recent election as Member for the Gault Ward at the City of Mitcham and her proud role as 'Gamma' to her first grandchild who is nearly four.

Guests also enjoyed an insightful message from our Head of College, Paul Weinert, and a wonderful performance by the Concordia Vocal Trio Dulcet Harmony. Jas Mooney, our School Captain, also delivered a lovely message acknowledging the incredible role and influence mothers have in the lives of their children.

We thank all who attended our largest Mother's Day Breakfast yet, helping to make it a wonderful College-wide celebration of the love, care, wisdom, beauty and strength of the mothers, grandmothers and special friends in our community.

Mother's Day Market Stall

On Friday afternoon, our Primary school students were able to purchase their Mother's Day gifts at our annual Market Stall. From bed socks to bath bombs, candles and cosmetic bags, it was an exciting opportunity for students to experience the joy of giving, whilst also raising funds to support the Concordia P&F and their initiatives throughout the year.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Stephanie Gasking for coordinating the event and to the volunteers who joined her on the day.

Angela Warrick

Engagement and Events Manager

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Year 10 Day Out - Diversifying Friendships

On Wednesday 6 April the Year 10 cohort travelled to Mukanthi Nature Playspace and Morialta Conservation Park to spend the day focusing on our term theme of "Healthy Relationships". As a school we recognise the importance of diversifying friendship groups in order to promote inclusivity and encourage students to work positively and successfully with broader networks of people.

On the Year 10 Day Out, students were required to collaborate in randomly selected groups to design a two-hour walking route in the Conservation Park. Each member of the group undertook a role such as team leader, navigator, first aid officer, motivator, etc., which provided them with the opportunity to lead, problem solve and socialise with peers beyond their direct friendship group. The walk was challenging and students were required to show resilience to overcome both the physical challenge of the walk and to show patience when working with others. On the whole, students displayed exceptional resilience and positivity which was evident to staff and indicated through their end-of-day reflections.

A range of fun group dynamics activities were played which rounded out a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding day. We hope students are able to transfer their learnings around healthy relationships into their daily lives in and outside of the school gates.

Rachel Paterson

Year 10 Leader

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Concordia College Musical 2022 - Book Now!

Rehearsals are in full swing and the cast and crew couldn't be more excited to bring this family favourite to life in 2022. The musical will be showing at the Hopgood Theatre, Noarlunga Centre, across three dates:

- **Sunday 12 June**
- **Monday 13 June**
- **Tuesday 14 June**

Tickets: Adults \$45 / Concession \$37.50

[Book your tickets online today!](#)

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Redevelopment Update - May 2022

This week we have some more exciting updates to share as our ELC and Primary School redevelopment continues to progress including:

- Framing being removed on the new three-storey building, allowing us to see our first view of the new Resource Centre on the ground floor
- The ELC interior is also progressing in line with the planned opening of this particular space in July this year.

Meanwhile, work is continuing on the former Highgate Lodge site in preparation for the construction of our new Gymnasium.

Stay tuned for further updates!

Ground floor Resource Centre space in the new three-storey building

Framing starting to come down on the three-storey building

New windows installed looking out over the garden, bringing natural light into the new indoor ELC learning space

Land being cleared to make way for the Gymnasium build

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German Day Out at the University of Adelaide

Our Year 11 and 12 German students had the opportunity to network with other students of German, meet and hear from members of the German University Club, and take part in engaging workshops featuring creative grammar, games, theatre, and language activities. They finished the day with a group Kahoot quiz and viewed a German film. Morning tea and lunch were a highlight, with German schnitzel sandwiches and pretzels as particular favourites. Two of our Year 12 students won the Kahoot quiz against all participants from other schools and took home a prize.

German is the most widely spoken mother tongue in Europa because it is the official language of Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. The University of Adelaide offers German studies as an elective or core course and works with the German Academic Exchange Service to carry out scholarships German institutions offer for outstanding students worldwide. These

programs range from short-term exchanges for research or teaching purposes or doctoral scholarships lasting several years. They are available to undergraduate students, advanced students, young higher education graduates, and academics from all science and humanities fields, inclusive of music and art.

Gabriele Lettice

Acting Head of LOTE

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Adelaide Youth Orchestra Concert

On Saturday 9 April, the Adelaide Youth Orchestra (AdYO) presented an outstanding concert at Adelaide University's Elder Hall featuring Rimsky-Korsakov's immensely challenging piece "Scheherazade".

This event was particularly special because **Adina (11RAMO)** was the Principal Violin player and the featured soloist in this epic four movement work. Principal Cellist **Caleb (12HROS)** was also featured.

The standard of playing was excellent, and I was immensely proud to be part of the audience as I counted no less than 12 Concordia students on stage (some featured in the attached photo taken after the concert).

Congratulations to you all for your spectacular work.

Mat Noble

Director of Music

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Anzac Day

It was a privilege to attend the Unley ANZAC Day Dawn Service with the Concordia Student Leaders.

Our leaders were able to lay a wreath in respect for those who have sacrificed their lives in wars throughout history, and it was especially poignant to acknowledge the rich service history of members of the Unley community.

We found it important to take the time to reflect on the plight of others in circumstances much less fortunate than our own.

Adrian Bright

Year 12 Leader

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Students design beautiful Easter decorations

Before the Easter holidays, Year 10 Christian Studies students reflected on the gift of eternal life that God gives to us through Jesus. As part of this process, students used Adobe Illustrator to design an Easter-themed, free-standing decoration that included a Bible verse that reminded them of God's love and eternity. Students also incorporated symbolism typical of Ukrainian pysanky (traditional, intricate patterns used to decorate Easter eggs) as they continued to be mindful and prayerful of students their age who, due to war and displacement, would be experiencing a very different Easter to what they would be experiencing in Australia. With the support of the Design, Technology and Engineering team, students were able to enjoy their wonderful designs in 3D.

Emily Byrne

Christian Studies Teacher

Year 10 Christian Studies student Bianca with some of the class's STEAM Easter designs.

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Metro Christian Life Week

Metro (Adelaide Metropolitan Area) Christian Life Week is a life-changing week of worship, chats, games and adventures with friends new and old in a loving Christian community.

- For young people in Years 7-12
- 11 - 15 July 2022
- Ankara Campsite, Walker Flat
- \$215 per camper

First Time Campers attend free apart from a \$20 admin fee - for more information [contact the Blueprint Ministries Team](#).

If you require financial assistance to attend camp, please [contact the Blueprint Ministries Team](#).

For more information, please talk to Noah Hahn in the IT Department, or contact the Blueprint Ministries team at the District Office at admin@blueprintministries.org.au or on (08) 8267 5211.

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Parenting Courses

Fullarton Park Community Centre and Centacare are hosting a range of parenting courses for parents in the coming weeks and months. Please find below a list of workshops, seminars and discussion groups from May to September 2022:

- **Tuesday 10 May, 10am-12pm**
Inside their Heads - Understanding Teenagers, by Centacare. | [Download a flyer](#)
- **Wednesday 11 May, 10am-12pm**
The Parenting Window - which quadrant reflects your style? By Mark Le Messurier at Fullarton Park Community Centre. | [Download a flyer](#)
- **Wednesday 11 May, 6.30pm**
Calm and Connected Kids, by Calm Kid Central and Kirrilie Smout. | [Download a flyer](#)
- **Tuesday 24 May, 10am-12pm**
Developing Resilience, by Centacare. | [Download a flyer](#)
- **Monday 30 May, 7-8.30pm**
Anxiety in Children, by Fullarton Park Community Centre and Madhavi Nawana Parker. | [Download a flyer](#)
- **Wednesday 8 June, 6.30pm**
Calm and Co-operative Kids, by Calm Kid Central and Kirrilie Smout. | [Download a flyer](#)
- **Thursdays 16, 23, 30 June and 7 July, 1-3pm**
Bringing Up Great Kids, by Centacare. | [Download a flyer](#)
- **Tuesdays 2, 9, 16 and 23 August, 1-2.30pm**
Bringing Up Great Kids After Family and Domestic Violence, by Centacare. | [Download a flyer](#)
- **Tuesday 6 September, 10-11.30am**
How to Talk so Kids Will Listen, by Centacare. | [Download a flyer](#)
- **Tuesday 6 September, 1pm-2.30pm**
Mindfulness and Self Care for Parents and Carers, by Centacare. | [Download a flyer](#)

Bookings for **Fullarton Park Community Centre** and **Centacare** ([click to download booking form](#)) are essential. For more information about each of these courses, download the relevant document(s) attached.

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SSSA Year 5/6 Cricket Win Through to the Next Round

Congratulations to the Concordia Year 5/6 cricket team who made it through to the next round of the SSSA statewide T20 cricket competition, defeating Westbourne Park Primary 2/108 to 6/52.

Great work girls!

Mick Phillips

Primary School PE Teacher and Sports Coordinator

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Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Asmitha (11MSMI)** and **Anna (11MSMI)**, who have recently been selected

to be part of the inaugural South Australian Student Representative Council (SA SRC). The group, in partnership with the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) and supported by the National Indigenous Youth Education Coalition (NIYEC), will comprise up to 100 students from Years 10-12 from across South Australia, working together to lead change on issues of importance to young people. Well done!

Congratulations to Old Concordian **Mia Fenwick** from the Class of 2021, who has received the University of Adelaide Principals Scholarship for 2022 - a fantastic achievement!

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Diary Dates

ELC and Primary School

May

Tues 10 - Fri 20 NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)

Wednesday 18 P&F Meeting, 6pm-7.30pm in G67 (Winchester Street Hub)

Thursday 19 Term 2 Coffee & You, 8.30am on the Concordia Oval (eastern end), all parents/caregivers welcome, [Book online](#)

Thursday 26 Class Connector Meeting (formerly Year Level Coordinators), 9am-10am at Damien on Fisher, Living Choice

June

Sunday 12 Musical Performance - 2pm and 7.30pm, [Book online](#)

Monday 13 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Musical Performance - 7.30pm, [Book online](#)

Tuesday 14 Musical Performance - 7.30pm, [Book online](#)

Sunday 26 School Service, Years 2 and 5, 10am

July

Friday 1 Term 2 ends

Middle and Senior School

May

Wed 11 - Fri 20 NAPLAN (Years 7 and 9)

Friday 13 Year 8 Student Free Day

Saturday 14 Pedal Prix six-hour race at Tailem Bend

Wednesday 18 P&F Meeting, 6pm-7.30pm in G67 (Winchester Street Hub)

Thursday 19 Term 2 Coffee & You, 8.30am on the Concordia Oval (eastern end), all parents/caregivers welcome, [Book online](#)

Friday 27	Year 12 Formal
Mon 30 May - Thurs 2 June	Year 9 Camp
June	
Mon 30 May - Thurs 2 June	Year 9 Camp
Friday 3	Year 9 Student Free Day
Sunday 12	Musical Performance - 2pm and 7.30pm, Book online
Monday 13	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday Musical Performance - 7.30pm, Book online
Tuesday 14	Musical Performance - 7.30pm, Book online
Wednesday 15	Year 11 SWOT Day
Thurs 16 - Thurs 23	Year 11 Exams
Sunday 19	Pedal Prix six-hour race at Victoria Park, Adelaide
Thursday 23	Year 11 First Aid Training
Friday 24	Year 11 Exam Return
Mon 27 June - Friday 1 July	Year 11 Work Experience
July	
Friday 1	Year 11 Work Experience Ends Term 2 ends, students dismissed at 1pm

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The School Shop

General trading – no appointment required. Physical distancing rules and masks still apply. We thank you for your patience during this time.

- Mondays: 8am - 4pm
- Wednesdays: 12.30pm - 4pm
- Thursdays: 12.30pm - 6pm

Email orders are also welcome and purchases may be collected from The School Shop during opening hours. Please email: schoolshop@concordia.sa.edu.au and include:

- your child's name and year level
- size
- your contact details

The School Shop staff will contact you for payment and advise when your order is available to collect.

Uniform orders - ready to be collected. Students in Years 7-12 have been emailed. Parents have been emailed for students in ELC - Year 6.

Sport orders - unfortunately, due to COVID-19, sport orders have been delayed. We are waiting on a further delivery update later this week. Sport socks are available.

The School Shop staff can be contacted on the direct phone line during opening hours – **8291 9302**.

Secondhand Clothing

If you have uniforms you no longer need, they may be donated or sold on consignment in The School Shop ([click to download a secondhand uniforms consignment form](#)).

Please note:

- Blazers and winter skirts/pinafores must be dry cleaned with a receipt attached.
- Jumpers must be washed using a wool wash detergent.
- All other items must be in good condition, stains removed, washed and ironed ready for sale.
- Summer hats must be hand washed.
- Any uniform items in need of repair e.g. broken zips, seams unstitched, missing buttons, etc. must be repaired prior to acceptance for sale. Buttons are sold in The School Shop.
- Garments presented on hangers are preferred.
- Old logo and discontinued styles – uniforms with the old school logo and discontinued styles are no longer saleable in The School Shop but can be dropped off for overseas charity donation.

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Public Notices & Events

- **The Clarence Park Community Centre Kids Market** is run by kid sellers for kid buyers. Pre-loved toys, books, clothes and baked goods are on sale at pocket money prices. Cash only and lots of bargains to be had! The event will be held on Saturday 14 May from 10am - 12 noon. There are some stalls left at \$10/stall. [Download a flyer for more information](#).
- **The Circle of Friends Australia Inc. Refugee Support** is running a film fundraiser for Ukrainian refugees in SA on Friday 13 May at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. The film is Downton Abbey - A New Era (PG). [Download a flyer for more information](#).
- **Mitcham Rotary** is having a half-price book sale from 1 June to 30 June at 598 Goodwood Road, Daw Park. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am-4.30pm, Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 1-4pm.

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